

REMARKS

Double Patenting Rejections

The Office Action of May 19, 2004 rejected claims 1-27 and 29-33. More specifically, claims 1-27 and claims 29-33 are provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting over claims 1-28 and 45-59 of Application No. 10/026,020 and claims 1-16 and 19-59 of Application No. 10/026,044.

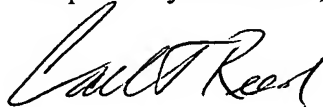
Applicant has submitted herewith a terminal disclaimer to each Application to overcome the double patenting rejection of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-27, and 29-33 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting be withdrawn.

Conclusion

In the event that the Examiner finds remaining impediment to a prompt allowance of this application that may be clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

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